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LET'S GIVE
BLOOD MONEY



By Mary O. Sinclair

Recently we have had requests for blood donors. Personally, I always feel guilty that I cannot be of assistance in such cases.

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ROYCE DUGGIN
STARS IN MUSIC
AT EARLY AGE

Royce Duggin, eight year old daughter of our own Kenneth C. Duggin of Field Operations, CSS, was presented in her own recital at the age of eight years.

Her teacher, Miss Margaret P. Starbird, presented her in an Intermediate Piano Program at 8 p.m.,
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GOVERNMENT CAREER-CONDITIONAL PROGRAM

WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 23, 1955

By Rector B. Meyer

We have been advised that on November 20, 1954, the President signed an executive order covering the Career-Conditional Program. The new system will be effective January 23, 1955.

The Civil Service Commission is now preparing a Departmental Circular in connection with the program which will be issued shortly. Likewise, revisions to
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2ND 1954 HONOR MEMBER
FOR DALLAS USDA CLUB
SOON TO BE SELECTED

"Nominations are now in order for the second 1954 Honor Member of the Dallas USDA Club to be selected," states G. R. McPherson, chairman of the Certificate of Merit Committee.

Two honor members were to be selected for 1954 to receive by-yearly awards from the Club for outstanding work of special benefit to the USDA Club. In turn these two employees
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POULTRY DIVISION GIRL
REPRESENTED RED CROSS
AT FORT HODD MEETING

On November 1-3, Ruth C. Brown, Poultry Division, attended an Emergency Mass Feeding Course, Fort Hood, Texas, as a representative of the Dallas Chapter of American Red Cross.

This three day course, taught under the guidance of the Food Service School, Fort Hood, included preparation of food for mass feeding, prevention
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IS BIG BUSINESS
COMMERCIALIZING
CHRISTMAS TOO MUCH?

A few years ago our stores put up the Christmas decorations and began pushing Christmas sales after the first of November each year, then they inched up a few days and put them up after Thanksgiving. Recently they have decorated for Christmas and advertised before Thanksgiving.

As most new ideas, this method has been looked at in askance by some and many have thought that Christmas is being commercialized by this early display of merchandise, and further that Thanksgiving will be overshadowed.

On the other hand by early Christmas shopping, time is left to really enjoy the holidays without being in that continual rush. Thanksgiving is a day set aside to take inventory of our blessings for the year and give thanks for such. It is a thing of the heart in its true meaning and if it is observed amid the beauty of Christmas decorations and the thought of Christmas in the air, how could it be overshadowed or hindered?

Certainly it is right to make money honestly and right to spend money for genuine living. You may say I spend more money when the season starts so early. Even if you do, you have it to spend or you wouldn't spend it.

We all enjoy the beauty of the Christmas season and if the time for enjoying it

is lengthened perhaps the thoughts of man will be inspired because of the repetition of beauty around and our thoughts of others. If there is not some time during the season that Christmas doesn't do something to you -- that it doesn't make you love everything and everybody at least temporarily -- then you had better check on yourself to see what's wrong.

When we have our office Christmas parties, it seems to be the one time of the year when everyone forgets his ill feelings and grudges and everyone seems to feel kindly toward everyone else. If this attitude could continue, wouldn't all of us say sincerely, "Lord, lengthen the Christmas season."

WHAT CONSTITUTES GIVING?

There is a genuine satisfaction that comes to all of us from Christmas gifts which we give in the right spirit -- not for necessity or exchange -- but wholly because of our regard for the person to whom we give.

Many times giving a little of our time and presence to those who are lonely and bereaved at Christmas is one of the best ways to celebrate the season and leave the greatest gift of all -- the joy of knowing that you're not forgotten by your friends.

Through giving and receiving may you realize God's Christmas Gift of Happiness! Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!

LET'S GIVE BLOOD MONEY!

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My recent trip to the hospital, when two kind employees helped bail me out with contributions to the tune of an \$80 credit to my bill, has made me especially aware of the financial aspect of such requests.

My suggestion is that those of us who cannot contribute blood contribute dollars to a special fund, to be administered by the Cheer Club, to help defray this expense when no blood donors are available.

I feel sure that most of us would be willing to give anywhere from a dime to a dollar for such a worthy cause.

Anyone who has been in the hospital recently, or had some member of the family there, will no doubt be aware of the additional expense nowadays not covered by the best hospitalization policies.

What say, fellow employees?

ROYCE DUGGIN, ETC. (Cont'd.)

November 11, at her studio at 3925 Maryland Avenue.

Royce played 11 numbers, none of which she played alone. The other numbers were two duets with her teacher, Miss Starbird. She is exceptionally talented in music and has been a favorite of CSS employees for some time. The young star is an outstanding beauty with lovely red hair which hangs in curls.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

There is one gift that is not sold
In any shop; a gift as old
As Time, and lovelier than gold.

It is not packaged in a store,
Nor hidden behind any door,
But in our hearts' remotest core.

It is not tied with gilded bands,
It is not bought in far-off lands
And carried home with eager hands.

Some never find it anywhere.
Some seem to have more than their share
Of Love, the gift that makes life fair!

-Ann Campbell-

POULTRY DIVISION GIRL(Cont'd.)

of food contamination, purification of water in emergencies and other field expedients. There were representatives at this school from the entire State of Texas - Civil Defense, Home Demonstration agents and lunch room supervisors. The weather cooperated at the last of the school, when the group was preparing an emergency meal on the outdoor expedients, to make it very realistic by turning cold and rainy.

The USDA Club sells magazine subscriptions (leading periodicals) - See Yvonne Kile or Margie Cavanaugh, CSS, 3306 Main Street or your immediate supervisor.

AN 8-POINT BUCK BAGGED BY CSS MAN 1ST DAY OF SEASON



W. C. (Bill) Yeager

One of the foremost hunters and sportsmen of Commodity Stabilization Service, W.C.(Bill) Yeager, pictured above, bagged an 8-point buck on a private ranch in Bosque County on November 16, opening day of the hunting season.

In a party of four hunters two deer were killed and the party returned home before night.

It seems Yeager must carry a rabbit's foot or some other token of good luck on his hunting trips as he is the lootman of a silver fox on one of his trips in Palo Pinto County last year. Without a doubt he's one of our best marksmen and real sports in all respects. We are proud of Bill Yeager, who lives up to his name which means "hunter."

AROUND THE OFFICE WITH PAD AND PENCIL

By Lola A. Chancellor

Did You Know?

That MARGUERITE HAWK is a very proud grandmother? Little JUDITH ANN HAWK was born on the 6th day of November. Her day old picture was shown around the office at 5¢ per look, the proceeds then given to Marguerite (a big surprise, too) to start JUDITH ANN'S bank account.

That JIM WRIGHT has been on vacation this week - surely missed when he's away.

That ERNEST GODWIN has joined the ranks in P. O. Division, Rates and Services Unit, transferring from Loan and Custodial Unit. RAYMOND ADAMS, who was replaced by ERNEST, was promoted to the Commodity Specialist Staff - Grain.

That PAULINE EASON has joined our force this month and has been assigned to Mr. Truesdale's Unit. We are glad to welcome Pauline.

That ROY HUTCHISON is taking a week's vacation. Surely is nice and quiet around the office.

That MR. ORR, our Maintenance Superintendent, is in East Dallas Clinic. At the present writing he is improving. Everyone please send him a card and let's let him know how much he is missed.

That ALLEN CLAYTON was
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TRAFFIC SAFETY PROMOTING S-D DAY DECEMBER 15, 1954



"S-D Day" is "Safe Driving Day:" Wednesday, December 15, 1954.

It is being planned as a dramatic demonstration of what can be accomplished if every citizen accepts personal responsibility for safety.

Sponsored by the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety in cooperation with all major traffic safety organizations in the United States, the project has the personal approval of the President.

Thirty days of intensive public education will precede S-D Day and will call for the greatest cooperative job ever undertaken in behalf of accident elimination.

WHAT INDIVIDUALS WILL BE ASKED TO DO ON S-D DAY

1. Observe the letter and the spirit of all traffic regulations.
2. Be courteous to every driver and pedestrian - practice sportsmanship.
3. Give full attention to driving and walking.

In short: Drive and walk as they would have everyone else.

The test confronting every community will be to remain completely free of traffic accidents for the 24-hour period.

Every person should strive to avoid traffic accidents at all times, but make a special effort to be accident free Wednesday, December 15.

S-D Day is an opportunity and a challenge for all types of organizations - national, state and local - to join in a common effort against a common enemy: the traffic toll.

A memorandum has been issued to the heads of Department agencies, USDA, by James L. Buckley, Acting Director of Personnel, urging employees to participate in S-D Day.

MERRY CHRISTMAS DAY

Just a simple line to say,
"A Merry Christmas Day!"
Unto you and those most dear
And a prosperous New Year!

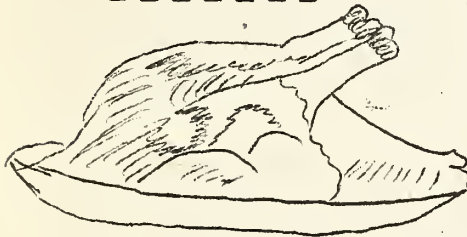
Old the bell, but ever young
Are the Christmas carols rung;
Old the wish, but friendship true
Keeps it ever bright as new.
(From the writings of Edgar A. Guest)

DEC. PLENTIFUL FOOD LIST
OFFERS CHRISTMAS ITEMS



Naturally you are interested in cutting your expenses, which are usually heavier during the Christmas season. Watch the items on the PLENTIFUL FOOD LIST prepared by the USDA, AMS, Food Distribution Division, Southwest Area, which generally offers more reasonable prices than at times when the items are not so available.

TURKEYS



Supplies of turkey will be plentiful for the Christmas holidays - especially the larger birds. Rice is also very plentiful so try Golden Rice Dressing this year.

Southern Style 'N Good!

Spread 2 cups rice (uncooked), in shallow pan. Toast in 350 degree oven for 15 minutes (golden color). Dissolve 10 chicken bouillon cubes

5 cups boiling water (or use 5 cups canned broth or stock, if on hand). Place 2 cups each chopped onion, celery, bell pepper in bouillon and bring back to boil. Stir in toasted rice, cover and simmer. When liquid is absorbed and rice tender, remove from fire and fold in 2 well-beaten eggs, 1 tbspn. poultry seasoning, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup minced parsley. (Add 1 cup mushrooms or other special flavoring ingredients as desired). Stuff fowl and bake. Yield: 12 cups stuffing - (12 to 15 pound bird)

FROZEN



FISH

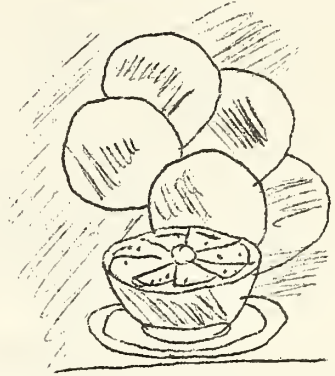
Frozen halibut and haddock are very plentiful. Cold storage shrimp has reached a record for this time of year. Prices are down so you may have plenty of shrimp cocktails for special dinners.

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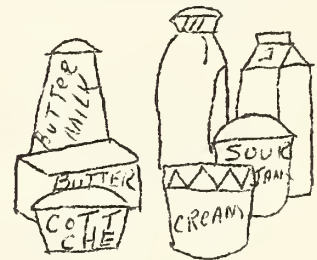
Eggs continue to be plentiful through December and of course you will want extra ones for Christmas baking. All sizes will be available. Eggs are "naturals" to be served with pork sausage, bacon and ham - all in plentiful supply. Your breakfasts should be delicious during December.

ORANGES
AND
GRAPDFRUIT



Present indications are that the 1954-55 orange crop will be the largest on record. Production of grapefruit is also abundant. Each fruit lends itself readily to colorful display and eager appetites and may be featured with other plentifuls, such as dates, grapes, and nuts for holiday table use.

DAIRY PRODUCTS



Milk production is heavy for this time of year, and stocks of butter and cheese and the other principal dairy products continue in heavy supply. Prices are favorable.

Attractively wrapped gift packages of cheese meet with good response. Nonfat dry milk solids can be an important contribution to holiday home baking and candy making. Cottage cheese is ready to use and very convenient.

GOVERNMENT CAREER-CONDITIONAL PROGRAM

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the Federal Personnel Manual will be prepared and distributed. These issuances will reach Agencies in advance of the effective date of the new system, and plans are now being made to advise each employee that will be affected as to the requirements needed for them to come under the new program. We expect to receive the necessary Agency plans and instructions from the Washington Personnel Office which will enable us to complete all the necessary documentation prior to the effective date of January 23, 1955.

As additional information concerning this program becomes available to the Administrative Staff, it will be called to the attention of the employees in this office.

HERE AND THERE

By Geneva C. McIntire

Jackie White has an unusual hobby. She raises Guppies and others are taking quite an interest in this hobby, judging from the little jars she has been giving her friends in the Tab Room.

Eldorene Wojtek returned to work November 1. Welcome back Eldorene.

The women in the Accounting Section aren't worked to death - they are dieting. It has been suggested that the Snack Bar would prosper if they would stock non-fattening candy. Are you listening Maggie?

Pat Winton and his wife, Nita, have recently purchased a new home.

A large percentage of the employees in the Accounting Section are homeowners and practice the widely publicized hobby of "Do it Yourself!" The latest to wield the paint

brush are Bill Wakefield and Lloyd Erwin.

T. L. (Red) Hall, Tab Room, has accomplished an unusual feat. As of November 8 he has 1000 hours of sick leave to his credit. Congratulations, Red!

HELP YOUR USDA CLUB
BY HELPING YOURSELF

Magazine subscriptions make one of the best chosen gifts of the season - something to enjoy the entire year!

The USDA Club takes subscriptions to most of our best known and best read magazines. It will be a convenience for you to place your order through representatives of the Club. Contact your supervisor for further information.

Give a U. S. Savings Bond for Christmas gifts! - A gift to long remember.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION HAS
FOUR NEW EMPLOYEES

Food Distribution Division, Southwest Area, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture welcomes four new employees of recent date. They are Phyllis N. Byrom, School Lunch Secretary; Francis H. Earle and Charles H. Herndon, Direct Distribution; and Laneri S. Malone, Secretary.

2ND 1954 HONOR MEMBER
TO BE SELECTED SOON

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were to compete for the yearly award.

To be eligible for the award the nominee must have done some kind of work beneficial to the USDA Club, composed of all agencies of the Department of Agriculture in Dallas. This work must be over and beyond the duties of his regular position.

Nominations must be submitted in writing and must give reasons specifically why, in your judgment, a member should be chosen for the honor. Address letters of nomination to:

G. R. McPherson, Chairman
Certificate of Merit
Committee
Dallas USDA Club
3306 Main Street
Dallas 26, Texas

Nominations must be submitted not later than December 20, 1954.

Honor member for the first six months of 1954 was Mildred Yeager.



"Well, well . . . George and Helen, this is a surprise!
Come in, sit down, and keep quiet."

POULTRY DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

By Ruth C. Brown

On November 30 and December 1, Don P. Weber, Regional Dairy Supervisor, Kansas City, visited in Texas. Mr. Weber replaces R. H. Wilson, who has been transferred to the Chicago Dairy Office. Accompanied and assisted by J.A. Bybee, Poultry Division, Mr. Weber graded Government-owned Butter and Cheese in the State and briefly met some members of industry.

A letter recently received by the Poultry Division Office from John A. Hamann, Washington (formerly Regional Poultry Supervisor, Dallas), advises that he and his family are gradually becoming "Eastern Texans" - he still wears his Stetson.

Lela Coppage returned to her duties in the Market News Office on December 1, after a five weeks vacation, which she spent in Fort Worth at her home and San Antonio, practicing her hobby of taking pictures of her flowers

Mrs. Ida Thornton, F&V Division, used part of her vacation time to purchase and move into a new home, and has just recently returned to Dallas after a short trip to Mississippi.

Shortly after December 1, if you visit the Poultry Division Office at 572 U.S. Terminal Annex, you will see their Christmas tree up and lighted. This custom of a Christmas tree was started while John A. Hamann was regional supervisor in 1951. Small gifts are exchanged by the office force, with usually some homemade cookies, on the last day before the holidays. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

AROUND THE OFFICE WITH PAD AND PENCIL (Continued from Page 4)

on the sick list for a week. We surely are glad to welcome her back.

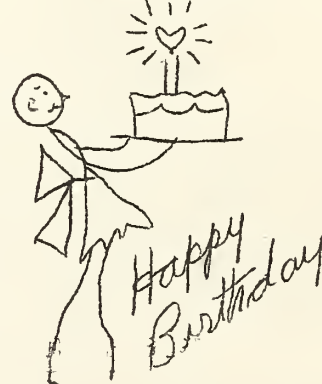
That MARGARET FORD spent last week-end in Houston visiting her aunt with whom she used to make her home?

Among others who have been absent on account of the "flu" are Pauline

Croslin and Rowena Freefield.

To LORENA SMITH, P.O. Division, we wish to express our deepest sympathy in the home going of her brother, Colonel H. G. Fairbanks, retired, who passed away on November 13 after a long illness. Colonel Fairbanks, who made his home with Lorena at 3501 Colonial, Dallas, was buried with full military rites in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D. C. in the Texas plot just beyond the Unknown Soldier.

The black and white caisson on which the flag draped casket rested was drawn by eight white horses and preceded by a muted drum band and honor guards followed by the regular military band and soldiers. This dignity and splendor, reverence and beauty in which he was laid to rest was certainly symbolic of Colonel Fairbanks in life.



ELMER BARRON and JANE JOHNSTON were each surprised with birthday cakes this month, which were shared in P.O. Division with friends.

THE STRANGER

NOBODY sees the stranger
come
And nobody sees where he
goes
But he's always there
When he's needed most--
A man that nobody knows.

The headlines tell of a
family saved
From death, in a house
aflame,
By a stranger who melted
into the crowd--
.....He didn't give his
name.

An unknown blood donor
saves a life...
Samaritan helps the poor--
A man sends check to the
cancer fund
And prefers to remain ob-
scure.

It happens a thousand
times a day
Where tragedy, stark
and grim,
Is thwarted by someone
that nobody knows.....
I wonder....could it
be Him?

-Nick Kenny-

WANT AD

FOR RENT: - Two bed
room frame house - close
to shopping center -
schools, buses, etc.--
JOE MARTIN, PHONE:
ST 5611, Ext. 2264

All Kinds of Trials

"In times of trial,"
asked the preacher,
"what brings us the
greatest comfort?"

From the back row:
"An acquittal."

INTERESTING ITEMS
ABOUT PUBLIC LAW 480

You have been hearing
about Public Law 480 recent-
ly and naturally you are won-
dering what it's all about,
what it is, its purpose, etc.

To help you to become ac-
quainted with something you
will work with, excerpts
from the speech of C. H.
Moseley, Director, CSS Com-
modity Office, delivered be-
fore the meeting of a group
of cooperative grain dealers
of the coastal bend area at
Corpus Christi on November
22 are given for your infor-
mation:

"The new program is call-
ed the Agricultural Trade
Development and Assistance
Act of 1954."

"Under this Act, \$700
million in agricultural com-
modities may be sold abroad
for local currencies over a
period of three years. Also,
commodities up to \$300 mil-
lion in value may be given
to friendly peoples abroad
in the event of national
disaster or famine. That's
a total of one billion dol-
lars in agricultural pro-
ducts and CCC stocks will
be used in filling many of
these commitments."

"The Act has eight broad
objectives:

1. The development of
new markets for U. S. agri-
cultural commodities

2. The acquisition of
strategic and critical
materials.

3. The procurement of
military equipment,

materials and facilities

4. The purchase of goods
or services for other
friendly countries

5. The promotion of
balanced economic develop-
ment and trade among na-
tions

6. The payment of
United States obligations
abroad

7. The promotion of
multilateral trade and
economic development

8. International edu-
cational exchange activi-
ties."

"The Department of Agri-
culture will be the bread-
basket of the program and
many of its agencies, such
as Foreign Agricultural
Service, Agricultural Mar-
keting Service and Commodi-
ty Credit Corporation will
take part."

"Emphasis will be pri-
marily on sales for dol-
lars and for the curren-
cies of the importing
countries. However, there
will be barter operations
and donations under spe-
cial welfare and relief
arrangements."

"The little country of
Turkey - one of the strong-
est allies of the United
States in the free world -
was the first to sign a
commodity agreement, This
was announced November 16."

"CCC has more than \$6.3
billion invested in commod-
ity loans and stocks. About
\$3.9 billion worth are own-
ed by CCC. The Act
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SPORTS CHATTER

By David M. Wells

Sports fans being the way they are, a monthly column lacks something to be found in daily publications. The something is timeliness. (Note: that is the second item this column lacks; the first is quality).

Maybe I can get with the timeliness part by looking back on the highlights of 1954 before this year has run out on us.

In my recollection are two flops:

The Dallas Eagles in baseball and the Texas Longhorns in football. Other fizzles: The Cleveland Indians in the World Series and the Dallas attempt at a major league franchise. Thrillers included the pro football game between the Lions and the Browns, as well as the Baylor-SMU pigskin track meet. Good boxing matches I saw on TV included a two-round slugfest between Ezz Ard, Charles and Bob Satterfield and a Sunday-punch Kayo thrown by Al Andrews or Gil Turner. Speaking of football again, the rest of the arm-chair brigade agrees with me that professional football is more interesting, more colorful, and much more exciting than the college variety. The pros are as far ahead of the collegians in quality as Marilyn Monroe would be ahead of Marjorie Main in a contest on vital statistics.

1954 has also seen a re-

vival of league bowling by our office, and this interest has returned a source of great enjoyment to our midst. This year held no additional good fortune in the golfing wars, however, for our very capable all-around athlete, Bill Boren - Bo continues to win just enough matches to stay out of consolation prize ring and to lose just enough to be kept out of the Championship prizes.

But 1955 is another year for all good sports, and naturally that means you and me, doesn't it?

--Merry Xmas--

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authorizes sales of such."

"The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act is in its infancy. But already it is beginning to grow. If the main objectives are attained, it will bolster foreign markets for our products and strengthen domestic prices!"

According to estimates of the CSS Grain Division, Washington, D. C., there will be a considerable volume of sales of grain by American Exporters to Foreign Importers. This will cause an acceleration of sales of CCC-owned grain to the American Exporters who will sell the grain under the provisions of Title I Public Law 480 for foreign currency. CSS Commodity Offices are expected to experience a greater than usual workload due to the increased sales of CCC-owned grain. Additionally; Commodity Offices must assume a new

and different type of workload in the nature of a Financing Operation with regard to sales made by Exporters to Foreign Importers for Foreign Currency.

The designated Commodity Office is the control point for the U.S. Government for dealing directly with such Exporters. The Commodity Office must ascertain that the Exporters receive payment in U. S. Dollars for the commodities sold for Foreign Currency and furnish the Washington Office of CCC with appropriate information for their use in accomplishing exchange of Foreign Currency for U. S. Dollars through the U. S. Treasury Department. In effect, insofar as the Exporter is concerned, the Commodity Office becomes the focal point to which he can look for the control of payments to the Exporter in U. S. Dollars for commodities actually sold for Foreign Currency.

CARD OF THANKS

To the Cheer Club of CSS: Thank You Very Much for the lovely flowers sent in memory of my brother, Colonel H. G. Fairbanks, who passed away on November 13; to the Traffic Section which sponsored food and sent a floral offering, I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation, and to all friends who sent messages of sympathy and in other ways shared this experience with me, I am grateful. These kindnesses linger in memory.

--LORENA SMITH--

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

Happy New Year

LET'S PLAY SANTA CLAUS THIS YEAR TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN BY ATTENDING THE USDA CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE V.F.W. CLUB ROOM, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1954, 2115 COMMERCE STREET. ADMISSION WILL BE A TOY NOT TO EXCEED \$1.00 (ONE DOLLAR) WHICH WILL GO TO MAKE A CHILD HAPPY THIS CHRISTMAS. THERE WILL ALSO BE PRIZES GIVEN AWAY. TICKETS WILL BE 25¢ EACH OR 5 FOR \$1.00.

DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT 8:00 P. M.

THE FOLLOWING PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY AT THE DRAWING:

1. ONE HAM
2. ONE TURKEY
3. ONE TURKEY
4. ONE COFFEEMAKER
5. ONE ELECTRIC NORELCO SHAVER

(YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN, BUT COME TO THE PARTY)

LET'S ALL TRY TO ATTEND THIS PARTY. COME EARLY AND STAY LATE, AND DANCE TO THE NEWEST AND BEST IN JUKE BOXES. WE WILL HAVE THE BEST VARIETY OF MUSIC.